

Testimony in support of the passage of

HB 5511 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND ASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE  
INCOME APPROVAL PROCESS IN COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES.

proposed to the Joint Judiciary Committee

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I would like firstly to thank the chairman and vice chairman and all the members of the Joint judiciary committee for their forbearance and attention in this matter.

Honored Senators and Representatives of the Ct. General Assembly and members of this community I would personally like to attest to the fact that on the last budgetary vote in Heritage Village the following scenario occurred:

- A) Of the 2,580 unit owners with a vote only 1,786 were voted
- B) Of those who voted 1,199.961 unit owners vote to reject the proposed budget meaning 72% of the voters
- C) There were 594.419 votes to accept the budget meaning 33% of those who actually voted
- D) 40 ballots were disqualified for reasons unbeknownst to us
- E) The budget however was approved as 754 units not voted were counted as yes votes

Ladies and Gentlemen as you can see from the above numbers the residents who take the greatest interest in our condominium have essentially been victimized by the current law. In what town, city or national election in these United States, does a vote get counted as a "yes" or "For" or "against" when a vote is not cast? A failure to vote simply means that the person who failed to vote does not get his or her opinion, one way or the other counted. If this type of law were used in any kind of election in this country and a voter did not vote yet his/her vote was counted as a "yes" or "for" for one candidate, what would the outcome be for the opposing candidate? The bottom line is that our democratic process has been violated and this law must be changed so that those who vote have their votes counted and those who do not vote have no say in the outcome.

I wish again to thank the members of this committee and plead to you that HB 5511 be passed to the general assembly and not die in committee.

Sincerely, Sandra Milgrim